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Dear Sir:

I wish to bring to your attention the damaging effects which allowing the wasteful consumption of water by commerce, agribusiness and the domestic users in the southern part of the state has on our north valley economy.

This unrestricted growth in usage is what limits the availability of water to flush the delta and create a healthy habitat for the multiplicity of wild life which we are So lucky to have.

Not only the wildlife suffer when we give preference to irrigating salt contaminated land arid supplying water to areas of development in the south of the state. Filling swimming pools in Los Angeles should not be given priority over growing crops and sustaining the broad range of agricultural activities upon which in the last resort the whole population relies for is food.

We ask you to take a balanced view and in your report take into account the grievous mismatch in lobbying power between those large industries and populations in the south who want what we have-our water- but do not consider the damage that will accrue when crops in the north valley fail, wells go dry and the flow of water through the delta is so restricted that saltwater seepage ruins the habitat there.

We are the watershed area and, if as projected water tables drop and rainfall is diminished by a general global warming then there will be no solution to the problems you face unless you have plans to desalinate sea water and so exchange one problem for another.

Thank you in advance for your help in bringing some commonsense and balance to solve this issue.

Kind regards:

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